

**MINUTES**  
**Hearing Instrument Specialist Board**  
**April 12, 2006, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Room 428 - Fourth Floor - Heber Wells Building**  
**160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah**

**CONVENED: 9:00 A.M.**

**ADJOURNED: 11:15 A.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Clyde Ormond, Bureau Manager  
Bonny C. Offermann, Board Secretary  
Jesse Rine, Licensing Specialist

Bruce Sharp                      Paul Littlefield  
Lowell Brown

**ABSENT:**

Kent Milligan

**GUESTS:**

Bob Downard, DOPL Investigations; Darlene Saiz;  
Kylie Ball; Peter Larson, Harris Hearing Center

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Minutes

Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2006 Board meeting; Mr. Littlefield seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

2006 GRAMA Bills Legislative Highlights

Mr. Ormond explained the new requirements of the Open and Public Meeting Act; all meetings will now be recorded, and the agenda will be strictly followed.

Review Thompson Prometric HIS Report

Mr. Ormond informed the Board of some of the problems with Thompson Prometric, and the possibility of doing away with the Utah Laws and Rules examination. Moreover, Mr. Ormond suggested that the Board create a Laws and Rules exam that would better cover the important aspects of Utah Law. Mr. Ormond then reviewed the report regarding pass rates of testing.

**APPOINTMENTS**

9:30 A.M.    Cox, Daryl

Mr. Cox met with the Board to review his application for licensure. Mr. Cox explained there was an error made in his application on his part, based on a misreading of the internship requirements. He passed the International Hearing Society test in November; Mr. Cox requested a change in dates of the internship to November 2005 instead of July 2005. Mr. Ormond informed the Board of the conflict of dates in the previous application. Mr. Brown moved to issue licensure contingent upon receiving a letter verifying completion of all

requirements with dates and times signed off by supervisor, Mr. Littlefield seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

9:45 A.M. Adams, Garth

Mr. Adams met with the Board regarding his request for a change of supervisor from Barry Finlay to Art Anderson. Mr. Littlefield moved approve supervision by Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brown seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

10:00 A.M. Bryer, Shawn Dale

Mr. Bryer was not in attendance at the Board meeting, however, the application for internship was reviewed. Mr. Brown saw no contraindications and moved to accept the application for licensure as a Hearing Instrument Intern; Mr. Littlefield seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

10:15 A.M. Fullmer, Richard

Mr. Fullmer met with the Board regarding his application for licensure as a Hearing Instrument Specialist. The Board reviewed all tests and hours. Mr. Littlefield moved to approve licensure, Mr. Brown seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

10:30 A.M. Yost, Melody

Ms. Yost was not in attendance for the Board meeting, however, the Board reviewed her application for internship. Mr. Brown moved to approve her for licensure as an intern; Mr. Littlefield seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Bob Downard: DOPL Enforcement

Mr. Downard met with the Board to explain the priorities and procedures of Investigations regarding the Hearing Instrument profession. Mr. Downard explained the option of creating a quarterly statistical report of investigations status for Hearing Instrument Specialist and related complaints that would inform the Board of the activities of Investigations in this profession. The Board expressed approval of the proposal.

CEU credits for September

Mr. Sharp wanted to know when the continuing education credits are due and if there was any flexibility to the dates, as an important conference attended by many Hearing Instrument Specialists would not have its certificates of continuing education printed by the renewal date. Mr. Ormond suggested that a Hearing Instrument Specialist could provide documentation of registration with the seminar, and added if they were unable to attend and claim continuing education credit, they would have to come before the Board. The Board decided to announce at the conference that the documentation of the completion of the seminar must be

sent the next day after the seminar, in order to meet the renewal deadline.

After a review of this issue it was decided Evidence of CE would not be required as part of the Renewal but an audit will be conducted after the renewal period is over.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Med Advantage Final Request of Info

Reviewed by Board

Completion of Internship

Reviewed by Board

Kylie Ball

Mr. Ball met with the Board to inquire and clarify the procedures regarding complaints and investigations, as these kinds of cases took too long to process and rarely resulted in any kind of discipline. Mr. Ormond explained the options in these cases and noted the delays in processing such cases, and stated his intention to bring this to the attention of the Division to see if it was possible to streamline the process.

**NEXT MEETING:**

July 12, 2006

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DATE APPROVED

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CHAIRPERSON, HEARING INSTRUMENT  
SPECIALIST BOARD

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